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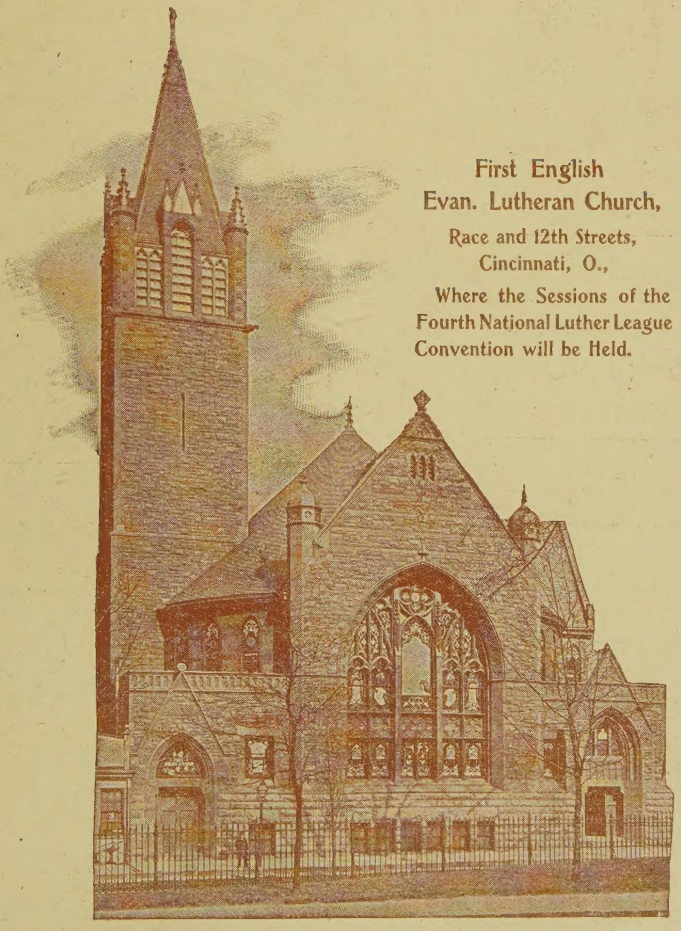

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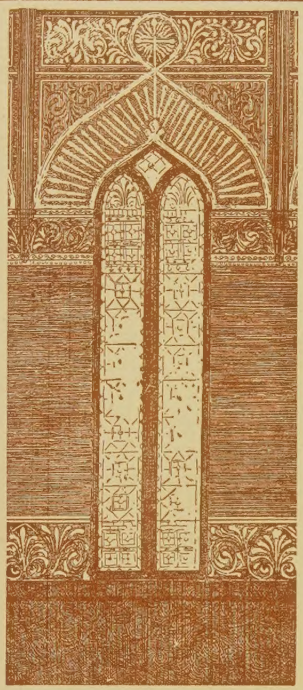

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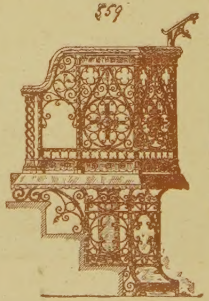

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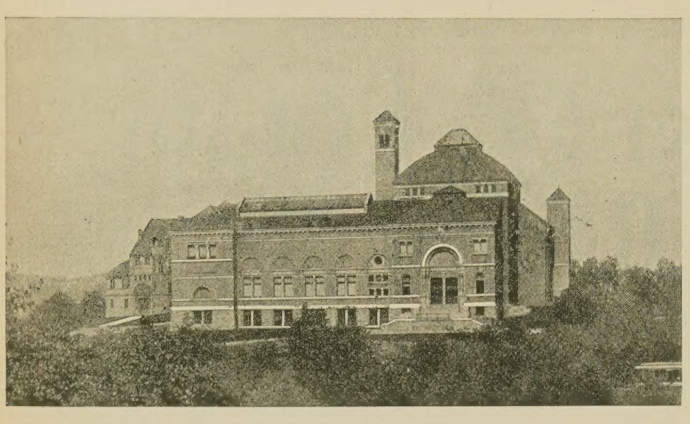
The Convention City

By Rev. J. S. Simon, Chairman of the Press Committee

GOVERNMENT SQUARE

CINCINNATI, the Queen City of the West, chosen as the rallying place of the hosts of Lutheran Young People. May 22-24, 1900, is a metropolis of more than 400,000 souls. The neighboring cities of Covington and Newport, with Bellevue and Dayton, on the Kentucky shore, "all of which are great sleeping places for Cincinnati people," have a population of about 85,000. Cincinnati is, therefore, the center of the busy life of more than 500,000.

Its location is peculiarly adapted as a focus for the widely divergent forces of the Lutheran Young People. The North, the



ART MUSEUM

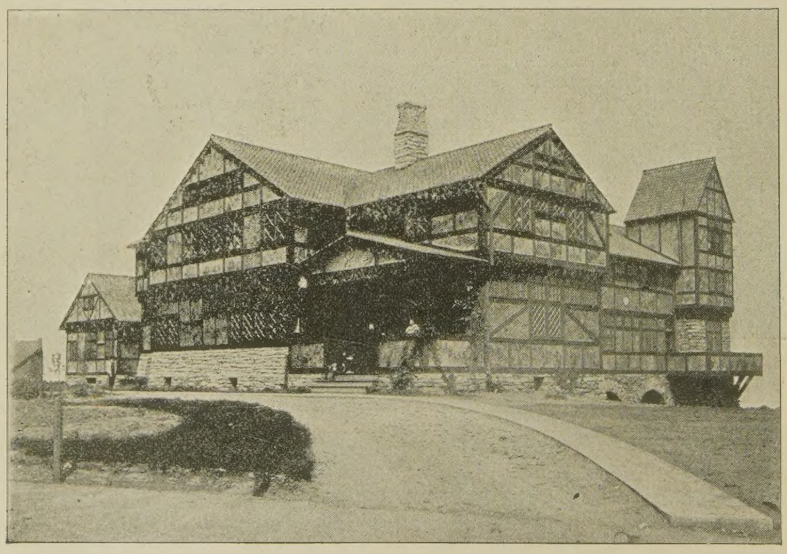
South, the East and the West all meet in the beautiful city on the banks of " La Belle Rivière," with which they are connected by 26 lines of railroad, representing more than 22,000 miles of direct track. Lying midway between the East, with its Lutheran centers, and the West and Northwest, with their Lutheran hosts, easily accessible from all points, Cincinnati ought to see a great gathering of those leagued by a common faith.

The center of the busy life of Cincinnati is Government and Fountain Square. From this point all lines of the Cincinnati street railway diverge, carrying their passengers to all points of the city. Over 400 cars pass Fountain Square every hour in the day. Five inclined plane railways carry street cars, wagons, carriages, freight and passengers up and down the most precipitous hills.

Among many features of interest in Cincinnati only a very few can be mentioned. Worthy of notice is the Cincinnati Art Museum, which stands on the summit of Mount Adams in Eden Park, commanding a magnificent view of the city and the Ohio River. It contains one of the finest collections of art products on the continent. Adjoining the Museum is the Academy of Art, an institution for the training of young artists.

On Mount Adams, a short distance to the east of the Art Museum, is the home of the world-renowned Rookwood Pottery. Its wares are considered to be the highest achievement of the ceramic art in America, and they find ready sale in every country in Europe. The Rookwood exhibit for the Paris Exposition was viewed by thousands of lovers of the beautiful in pottery, and is valued at many thousands of dollars.

The parks of Cincinnati, though not so large as many in other cities, are yet beautiful specimens of the combined handiwork of nature and of man.

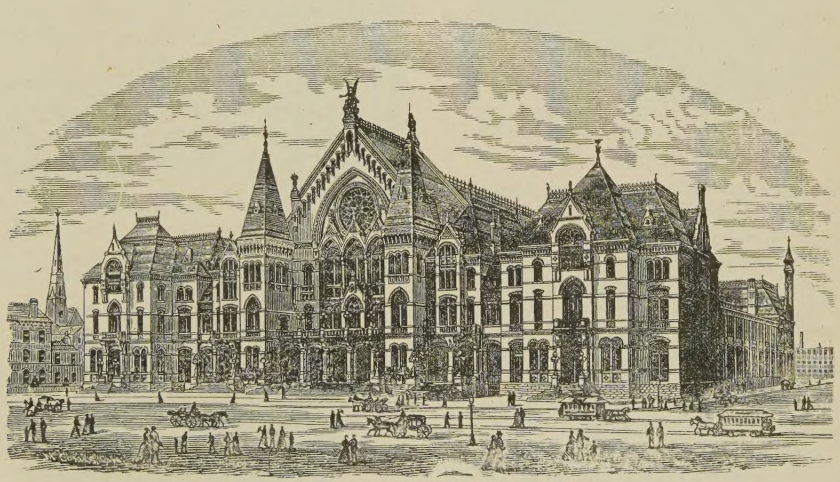


ROOKWOOD POTTERY

The Queen City of the West is a city of magnificent suburbs, of which the Prince of Wales affirmed, "I have seen none finer in all the world." Long drives through an uninterrupted succession of beautiful residences, magnificent views from prominent points, looking out over populous valleys, virgin forests inclosing dainty villas and magnificent homesteads, long avenues carpeted with the sunshine and shadow falling from overarching boughs—such are some of the gifts of nature and the arts of man that have united to make Cincinnati suburbs famius. "New York has her Fifth Avenue, Chicago her Lake Shore, and Cleveland her Euclid avenue; but Cincinnati has the most beautiful and extensive suburbs in America."

Suffice it to say that those who attend the Luther League Convention on May 22-24 will not only reap the benefits to be secured at such a gathering of enthuiastic Young People, but they will also be permitted to see many points of interest in the beautiful "Athens of the West," the some time Losantiville, now Cincinnati.

"Losantiville, the prophet's word,
The poet's hope fulfills:
She sits, a stately queen, to-day
Amid her royal hills."



MUSIC HALL, WHERE THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD

WHY YOUNG LUTHERANS SHOULD ATTEND THE CONVENTION

Because it is a convention of Lutheran Young People. As members of the same great family they are interested in the work of each other more than in that of those outside of the family.

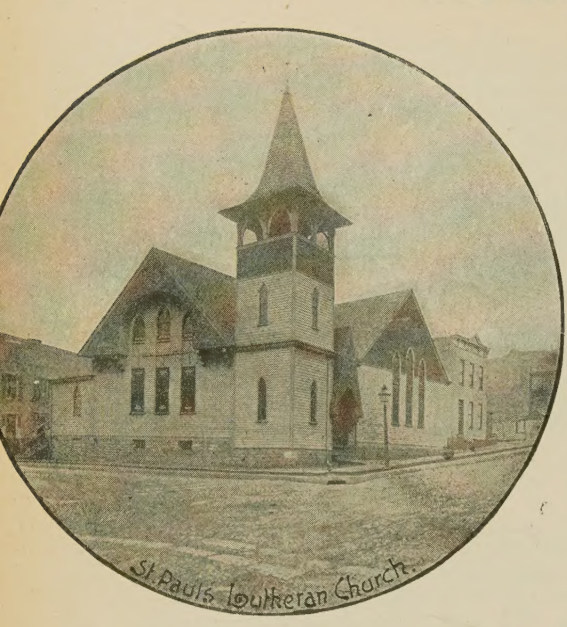
Because they have a common faith. Whatever may be the form of organization into which they are gathered, or the name by which the organization is known, as members of Lutheran Churches, they hold to the Augsburg Confession. They can, therefore, walk together because they are agreed. And if in anything they do not see eye to eye, their differences may be resolved into a higher harmony by the grace of God working through a closer acquaintance.

Because they need to know more about their own Church, more concerning her grand work in the kingdom of Christ in the world. The reason some people speak with so little respect about the Lutheran Church is that they know so little about her history, doctrine and work. To be known is to be loved. Her history in its origin and onward movement is surpassingly grand, and it is calculated to fire with enthusiasm any one who makes it a part of his mental and religious life. By all means, let Lutheran Young People come together to talk over the matters that have to do with their own Church.

Because the League has a platform upon which all Lutheran Young People's organizations can stand. It is broad enough to give room to everything that is Lutheran. It asks no society in connection with a Lutheran Church what other affiliations it may have, but invites it to come to the family gathering, and promises to make it welcome. What more can any society desire?

CONVENTION DETAILS

All the business sessions of the convention will be held in the First Lutheran Church, on Race street near Twelfth. On their arrival in Cincinnati delegates will please report at the church. Take the near-



Where one of the Wednesday Evening Sessions will be Held

est electric car from the railroad depot, secure a transfer when you pay your fare and change at Fountain Square for car to Race and Twelfth streets.

The Tuesday evening reception will be held at the First Church. On Wednesday evening sessions will be held in the First Church, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, pastor; St. Paul's, Rev. Dr. E. R. Wagner, pastor; Walnut Hills, Rev. J. S. Simon, pastor, and at Newport, Ky. (just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati), Rev. F. C. Longaker, pastor. On Thursday evening the final session will be held in the large Music Hall just across the park from the First Church. This hall is one of Cincinnati's most famous buildings, and will seat about 5,000 people. It contains the great organ which was for a time the greatest in America, but which is now surpassed by two others.

TRANSPORTATION RATES

The Central Passenger Association has granted a rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. No certificates are needed on this plan, but round trip tickets must be purchased. They will be on sale Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22, and are good leaving Cincinnati to and including May 25, with the further provision that on written application of Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, individual tickets may be extended to May 28. No certificates are needed from this territory—simply purchase a *round trip ticket* on account of the convention. The association includes the States of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, also Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Parkersburg, St. Louis, Peoria and Chicago. Persons coming from points outside the territory of the association may do well to pay regular fare to one of the above points, and from there secure a round trip one-fare ticket, unless distance from such point will justify purchasing through to Cincinnati on the certificate plan, as follows:

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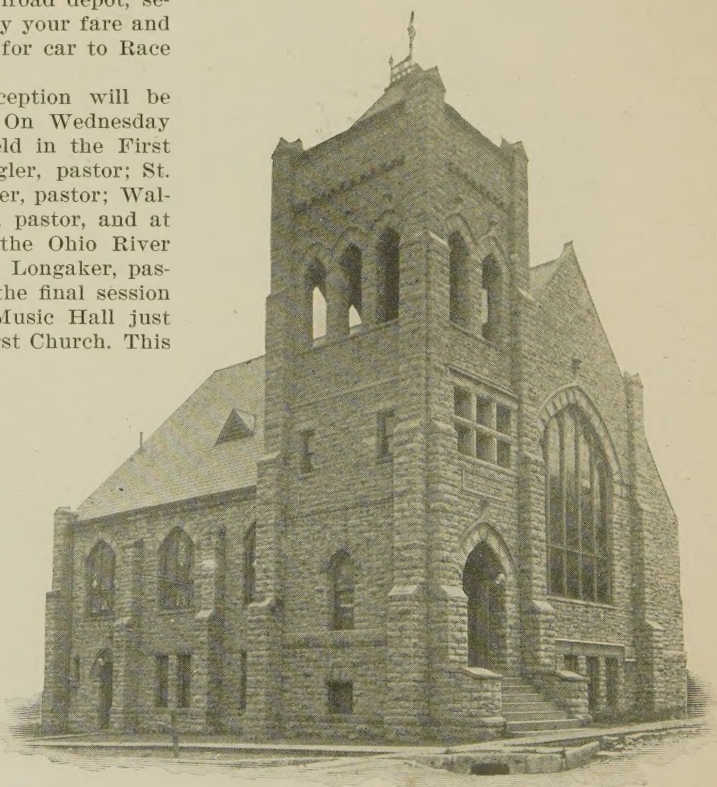
Carefully note the following directions:

1. Purchase a ticket through to Cincinnati. Take a *certificate* from the agent. Do not make the mistake of asking for a *receipt.*



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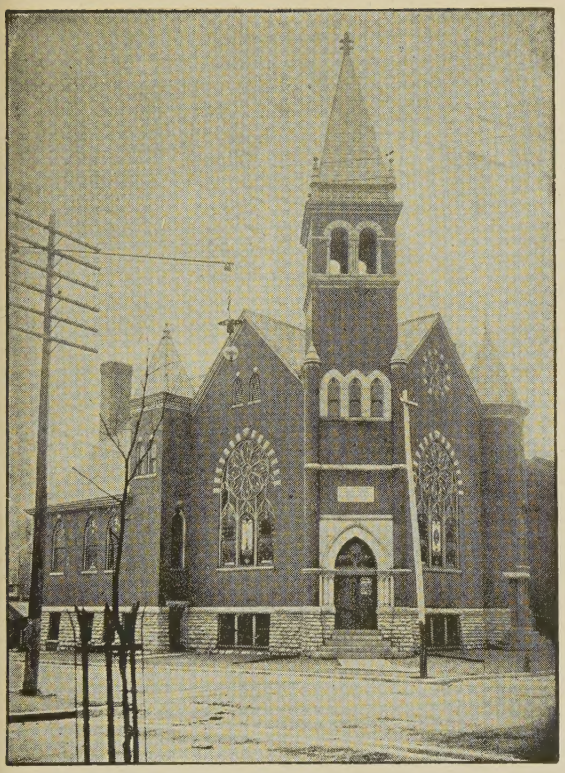

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Where one of the Wednesday Evening Sessions will be Held

Tickets may be purchased from May 18 to and including May 23. Certificates will be good for the purchase of return ticket *at one-third the regular rate* to leave Cincinnati not later than May 28.

2. Secure your ticket and certificate at least 30 minutes before departure of train.

3. If *through ticket* cannot be procured at the starting point, purchase to the most convenient point at which such ticket can be obtained, and there purchase through to Cincinnati, *procuring a certificate from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased.*

4. Immediately on arrival at the convention hand certificates to Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, that they may be indorsed by himself and the authorized agent of the associations; otherwise they cannot be used in the purchase of return ticket. The agent will be present only on Thursday, May 24.

5. Tickets and certificates are not transferable.

6. Certificates will not be honored by conductors; they must be presented to ticket agents at Cincinnati.

7. The reduction in fare is granted on condition that 100 persons are present bearing certificates. Round trip tickets from the Central Association territory will be considered in arriving at the minimum.

8. It will be quite proper for persons within a short distance of the Central Association to pay their local fare to some point in its territory, and from there purchase a round trip one-fare ticket to Cincinnati.

For further particulars address

JOHN A. M. ZIEGLER, Chairman,
Local Committee of Arrangements,
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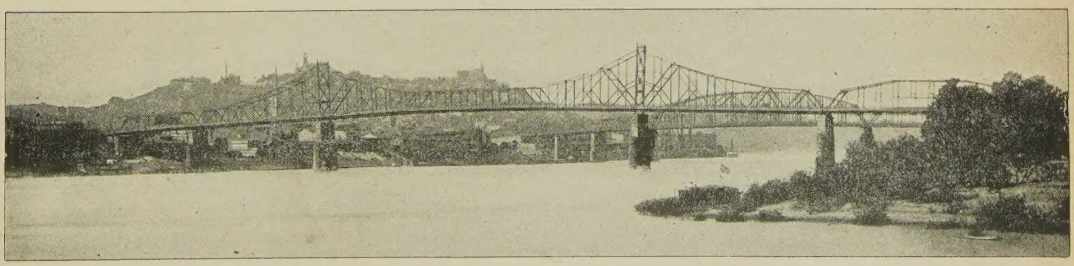
Bettering the World

There is only one real success in this life, and that is in doing something that will leave the world better than it was when we came into it. If you are content with three meals a day and something to wear, you are only freight, even though you are able to pay your way; move up to the head of the train and help move it. There are helpless thousands that have to be carried along for humanity's sake; but it is almost a crime to allow yourself to be carried when you are able not only to carry yourself but to help others.—*C. U. Fowler.*

— Of all divine institutions the most divine is that which secures a day of rest for man. I hold it to be the most valuable blessing ever conceded to man.—*Lord Beaconsfield.*



NEWPORT CENTRAL BRIDGE

Convention Hotels

The Hotel Emery faces Fountain Square, the heart of Cincinnati, and has its entrance in the famous Emery Arcade. This practically makes every room a front room. It has recently been repapered, recarpeted and greatly improved in many ways. Street cars direct to First English Lutheran Church and Music Hall. European plan only. Rooms

PALACE HOTEL

$1 and up per person, and a restaurant with excellent meals at moderate prices, either *à la carte* or regular. The Hotel Emery, owing to its construction in connection with the Arcade, is free from the city noises, and is especially adapted for the entertainment of families and ladies. Nearly all the large retail stores are within two blocks of the Emery, and most of them within a block.

The Palace Hotel, corner Vine, Sixth and College streets, one block from Fountain Square, where all street car lines converge, has one of the most convenient locations in the city for either business or pleasure. It has been selected as headquarters for the Luther League in connection with the Hotel Emery. Delegates can have their choice of either the American plan at the Palace or the European plan at the Emery. Both are first-class hotels at moderate prices, and only one and one-half blocks apart. The rates for the Palace will be $2 for each person in rooms above the third floor, facing the street, or any rooms facing wide courts. The fact that the Palace has the largest transient business in the city makes further comment unnecessary.

The Grand Hotel, Third and Fourth streets and Central avenue, is centrally located, and strictly first class. The prices are: European plan, $1 and up; American plan, $3 and up. There are special rates for delegates.

OTHER HOTELS

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Kolb's, 537-539 Walnut street. Hotel and restaurant. Rooms, 50, 75 and $1. Meals, 20 cents.

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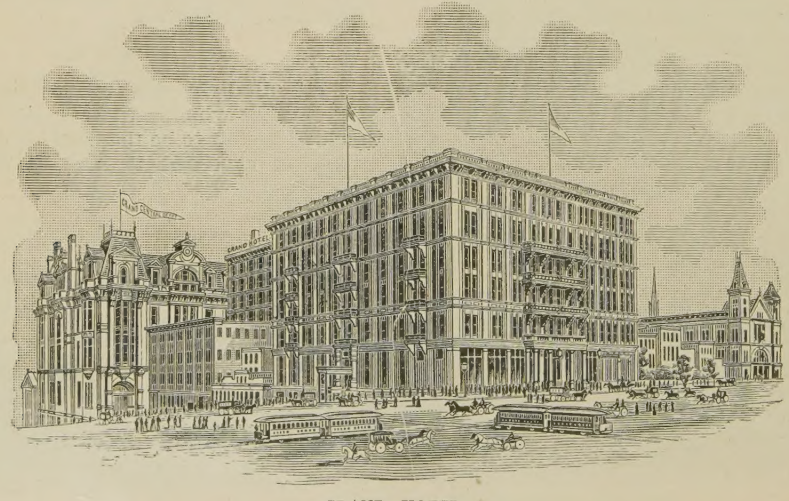

GRAND HOTEL

"Keynotes"

By Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.

YOUNG Lutherans have been making history. To say the least, this is evidence of life and interest. Whether that history is worthy of commendation or deserving of criticism is not for the active workers in the League to decide. Certainly the aim and spirit of the Luther League movement, as so well expressed in the motto, "Of the Church, by the Church, for the Church," is commendable.

We feel justified in briefly sounding the keynotes which have been struck at the several conventions, that the Church may note the harmony which marks this Young Lutheran Chorus.

Loyalty

A word dear to the American heart declaring a principle for which many true sons of America have shed their blood! A quality very necessary to vigorous life and growth, which we know only too well was frequently lacking on the part of our young people!

Loyalty to the Church was felt to be of prime importance, and was the note struck when young Lutherans gathered for the first time in national convention. The love and enthusiasm which were then awakened have been growing and maturing ever since. The fruitage has been quickened interest, and more consecrated zeal.

Literature

"Of making many books there is no end," is not figuratively but literally true. There are books—and *books*. Young Lutherans read. The question is what? Undoubtedly they read much that they should not read. Their love awakened by the first keynote which was struck kindled the desire to know more of the "mother that bore them"—her history and her precepts. Desiring to train our young people for veteran service for Christ, the Luther League has followed the example of the great Apostle Paul who advised his young disciple, Timothy, to "give attendance to reading."

The great English essayist, De Quincey, half a century ago calculated that if a man were to live 100 years and give all his time to reading, death would still find him in the first alcove of the world's library. We wisely, therefore, seek for quality, not quantity in the literature we read. We select only those books which are of particular value and specially adapted to be helpful to us in our relations and sphere.

With this end in view the Luther League has given to young Lutherans a Reading Course which is the pure gold of "Lutheran letters," books which are standard wherever the Lutheran faith is confessed. In the quickened interest in, and increasing circulation of, such literature we have one of the most satisfactory and commendable results of the Luther League movement.

Labor

"Justification by faith" taught by St. Paul, is a cardinal principle in Lutheran theology. But St. James' interpretation of "a living faith" to the Luther League is a necessary corollary to the central and chief dogma of the Wittenbergian teaching. The grand old principle of "justification by faith" is nothing more than dry, dead orthodoxy, almost corrupt heterodoxy, if it does not produce as its fruitage "labors abundant." The Luther League cannot conceive of a young Lutheran who loves his Church and knows her, who is not eager to prove his faith by his works. Hence we find that as loyalty has developed and knowledge increased the fields of activity for young Lutherans have continually lengthened and widened.

Methods

To some the end justifies the means, but to the Lutheran who knows history and recalls his religious father standing in that tragic scene at Worms, exclaiming: "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me," it is important that only Scriptural methods shall be adopted in carrying on church work. The Luther League, therefore, thoroughly conservative and loyal now, proposes to consider correct methods, and we believe proposes to take the Word only as the Lamp and Light for its guide in churchly endeavor.

Means

How much would our Church accomplish were the means available! It is impossible to run a department store with a stock composed of a bag of peanuts and a tin horn. There must be larger ideas and larger revenues before the larger results for which we all hope and pray will be realized. Is it not a hopeful sign for the future when we see our young people making this subject a special topic which they will gather from the borders of our great Republic in national convention to consider.

Men

We have too many Lutheran babies—*i. e.*, grown up Lutherans, who, instead of being helpful and efficient in the work of the Church, need tender nursing and care to preserve their Lutheran life. What the Church needs is members who will fill and fit any place in which they may be put. Re-

liable, efficient, active members are a *sine qua non* for life and growth. That in a measure the League is creating a supply of such young Lutherans is evidenced in the fact that in at least one of the State delegations to the Cincinnati convention every layman is a church officer, Sunday school superintendent or Bible class teacher. That still greater results are to be expected is evident when we find the question of "men," a special topic for discussion.

The battle belongs not to the many, but to the mighty. The League from the beginning has aimed to improve the *quality of the young Lutheran*, and is confident that then there will be no difficulty in increasing the *quantity of young Lutherans.*

With such keynotes, past and present, as the young people of our great Church gathered in the city of "May Musical Festivals," they should send forth a grand chorus of perfect harmony raised to a high pitch of enthusiasm which shall call out from every loyal Lutheran in the land the loud doxology of, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." May the echoes of Cincinnati reecho in every League and in every heart, producing a sweet refrain which will encourage and inspire our thousands of Lutheran youth to long, loyal, intelligent service in the use of wise Scriptural methods, productive of abundant means and efficient men laboring effectively for the advancement of our Lutheran Zion.

Luther League Topics

The editor of the Luther League Topics believes that our leading workers ought to have an opportunity to make suggestions in a proper way as to the general line of subjects to be studied in our local societies.

Our fourth national convention is close at hand. At that time we wish to adopt the general scheme of topics—*i. e.*, themes and texts—for years 1901 and 1902.

Now many of you have doubtless had valuable suggestions in mind as to appropriate and profitable subjects for discussion in the future.

Will you then, pastor, chairman of Devotional Committee, or any leading worker in local League, be kind enough to send in your suggestions to the undersigned ? Your idea as to the general line, sort, kind, of subjects to be studied is especially desired.

Please be prompt. But little time is left before we are to meet at Cincinnati.

Another matter: I am anxious to complete a file of the Topics for the use of the editor of the Topics, and which is to remain the property of the Luther League of America. The following numbers are missing: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12. Also LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW for August, 1898, is desired. If you have any, or all, of these missing numbers and are willing to part with them, send them to the undersigned stating amount of consideration desired. Fraternally yours, George H. Schnur, Jr.

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The Literature Secretary's Plea

Rev. Charles L Fry

AT heavy expenditure of time and labor in the busiest season of the year, I have taken pains to make careful personal inquiry of every Lutheran college in the United States, every Lutheran seminary for young ladies, every Lutheran academy and preparatory school, on the vital question how many books in their libraries are distinctively Lutheran—*i. e.*, treat of the history, the doctrines and the spirit of our Church, as important themes for the general reading of their students. In most cases the replies were very candid and outspoken, confessing a lack in this exceedingly important department of literature which is simply dumfounding. No Luther Leaguer of ample means could possibly do a more serviceable thing for the intelligent Lutheranism of the next generation than by presenting to nine-tenths of our institutions of learning a complete set of the books of the Reading Courses to be put on the most prominent shelf of their libraries. If even our educated laymen and laywomen have never had a glimpse into any of these books during their entire collegiate course, what is to be expected of those whose opportunities of study were far more limited! Even our theological seminaries with but few exceptions have none but heavy technical volumes in their public libraries, and are woefully lacking in such books as bring our theology and our history within the scope of the average people, thus suggesting a treatment of these subjects by the pulpit of to-day in a fresh and comprehensible way.

The case is still worse with Sunday school libraries. Hundreds of replies were received from pastors in all Synods and all States in the whole country, many of them going so far as to actually insist that the conventional Sunday school library as at present so trashily constituted is doing incalculable subtle damage in vitiating the spirituelle and even the morale of our young folks, in the most susceptible formative period of their life, and that while these libraries might be made an agency for vast good, they are now on the contrary doing immense harm. If I may judge from the tenor of these letters, there is scarcely a single one of our pastors in the United States who would not blush for shame to publish over his own signature a list of the books which are now circulating among his own young people. Many complain that they are never consulted on the question when new books are to be added, yet all admit their official responsibility for the damage which is being perpetually wrought in this silent but none the less pernicious way. How in the name of common sense can there be a harvest of grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

Of course, it is true that simply to place the instructive books of our four Reading Courses into these hundreds and hundreds of Sunday school libraries will not of itself insure their being thoughtfully read and studied as they should be, but certainly they will not be read unless they first be placed within reach and made available. Until they be gotten, and this fact be specially announced and emphasized with all possible earnestness, no second step can be taken. But after the first step is accomplished in securing the books themselves, then a direct appeal to a laudable and necessary personal pride in possessing an intelligent faith must frequently be made, until such intelligence gradually comes into vogue as the recognized standard to which everybody must attain as a matter of course, if he is to occupy any standing in the congregation. The sentiment must be spread more and more universally that every Lutheran Church member who has never in all his life read so much as one solitary book on Lutheran doctrine and history (and his name, alas, is Legion), is a reproach to the Lutheran title which he bears, and a stumbling-block to the progress of God's Kingdom. So far as the Luther League is concerned, it has absolutely no right to exist and cumber the ground if it does not exist for the one supreme object of building up every individual member in higher attainment, and building him down in deeper conviction. We are not an organization chiefly for picnics and Maydays and social entertainments and conventions, but we are banded together for the serious purpose of solid personal and mutual edification, and in every single meeting of every separate League we must keep this lofty ideal ever in mind.

Pray and Wait

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers prayer.
I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.
I know it cometh soon or late:
Therefore we need to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought.
I leave my prayers with Him alone
Whose will is wiser than my own.

—*Eliza M. Hickok.*

Book Reviews

Books for notice should be addressed to the Editor of the Luther League Review, Box 876, or 131 Liberty St., N. Y. City

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. A Practical Exposition by Charles Gore, M. A., D.D., Canon of Westminster, etc. 2 vols. pp. 326; 241. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. $1.50 per vol.

Most heartily do we commend this commentary because of its clean analysis of the principle underlying Phariseeism, as a principle natural to fallen man and always flourishing (never more so than in the present); our commendation is equally hearty because of the bold assertion as to the world's present need of understanding "Justification by Faith." Lutherans have always seen the great error of mankind in their failure and unwillingness to recognize this doctrine as the core of revealed Truth; it is gratifying to find Canon Gore proclaiming the same. We thus recommend, in spite of some disagreements in minor points and in spite of some evident churchly bias. We cannot, however, excuse the author for insinuating against Luther as one who disparaged the Sacraments and as one who may be counted almost Antinomian. The latter at least is a very old refuted accusation. He seems to feel that he is doing Luther an injustice; see the note at bottom of page 39, Vol. I. Canon Gore has, doubtless unconsciously, been growing nearer to Luther than he thinks; many of his magnificent expositions of the opposition between "Phariseeism" and "Justification by Faith" echo with the thunder and the spirit of Luther's voice; somebody ought to tell the Canon that Lutherans since Luther have been and at present are as emphatic as he himself is upon these questions. However, since he is preaching to preachers in this commentary the pure truth of God's Word, Luther and Lutherans can endure the misconception of them personally. We notice but few departures from Evangelical orthodoxy. There need be no excuses given for additional commentaries on Romans when they thus truly interpret.

Historical Nuggets: Selections from Macaulay, Stanley, Froude, Fiske, Armstrong and Emerson. Flexible cloth, gilt top, 45 cents. New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert.

The now familiar and favorite "Nugget Series" has been enriched by one more little volume, this time from six famous experts in historical writing and criticism. This time, however, instead of a great number of small nuggets, the gathering of "ore from rich mines" is in larger form and complete essays, selected with a view to present the essential qualities and the finest methods of artistic historical writing.

— The authorized "Life of Dwight L. Moody," which has been prepared in accordance with his expressed wish by his son, Wm. R. Moody, is published this week from the press of the Fleming H. Revell Company. Advance orders alone require a first edition of 150,000 copies. The book is being printed in New York and Chicago, and not less than five large printing establishments and a half dozen binderies have been engaged in connection with this work.

Faith and Sight, Essays on the Relation of Agnosticism to Theology by William Pierson Merrill. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, pp. 175. $1.00.

This is a brainy book with many well said things and some stern reminders for all theoligians and scientists. It is a clear argument for a middle way between the scientist who would judge all by what he sees, and the theologian who would demand recognition for the religious nature of man and the God Whom man thus holds in faith; it is an attempt at reconciliation between science and theology. There have been other such books, and in our opinion all have started upon false views, principally false as to the true idea of the Christian religion; this true idea knows Christianity to be an *objective* revelation by God of Himself to man — it is not what man's thought concerning God makes Him seem to be, but what God has told to man concerning both Himself and man. Excellent and worthy of reading as this volume is, it shares this common fault, as well as counting both scientists and theologians more bigoted than in reality they are. We would remind the author of the constant changes in the front which science presents, and also of his need of reexamining his scriptural interpretations. The analyses of Browning's and Tennyson's poetry in the course of the argument are highly interesting.

Climbing Olivet, a Series of Talks to Applicants for Confirmation by Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, Lutheran Publication Society, Phila. 26 page pamphlet with pastor's presentation page. 5 cents; 40 cents per doz.; $3.00 per hundred.

This was received too late for mention in our last number, but is nevertheless in time for the many pastors who do not have their service of confirmation until Pentecost. The chapters originally appeared as articles in the "Lutheran World," and their character and purpose are fittingly described in the title.

— The Lutheran Church Almanac for 1900 was issued on March 1, after unavoidable delay. The book contains the usual amount of valuable information. Price, 25 cents per copy. Chas. B. Oppinger, 1522 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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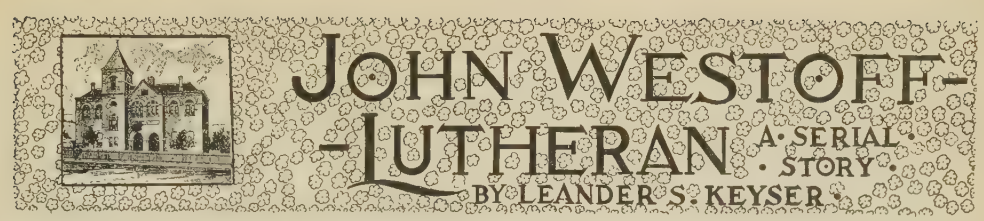

CHAPTER V.—THE FIRE THAT REFINES OR DESTROYS

"I TELL you, Sanders, she's a splendid creature—bright, educated, beautiful, and, I hope, sensible, too. A little gay, perhaps, but not too much so, I think, to be companionable for a sober fellow like myself. I never saw such eyes—large, though not too large, blue, sparkling like diamonds."

"Rather queenly, is she?"

"Well, she would be if she were not so—so volatile. I'm invited to call at her home whenever I choose to. Miss Watkins, in introducing me, gave me a fine send-off; in fact, she sang my praises until I blushed like a schoolgirl and begged her to stop. I shall call on Miss Wrangler as soon as this lame ankle permits."

"It's plain that you're captivated, old fellow," said Sanders; and then added with some show of caution: "I hope you'll not lose your heart and head before you know a little more about her. Who is she, Westoff?"

"First, she's a cousin of Miss Watkins. That's not a bad indorsement, to begin with. Her parents have just moved to this city from New York, her father having gone into a permanent business here. So, you see, they've come to stay, and I shall be able to see Miss Wrangler often."

"Move slowly, my dear fellow," counseled Sanders, who was disposed to be conservative in love affairs. "Get acquainted with her before you yield too much to this infatuation. Find out all you can about her disposition and tastes. Many a fine-looking girl makes a poor life companion."

"Oh, thank you, my dear Solon, for your sage and fatherly advice. You talk as if you'd been married all your life. But you're right, I've no doubt. I must call a halt on my emotions, although it's terribly hard to take counsel of prudence when you're under the spell of such a fascinating creature."

The foregoing conservation took place a few hours after John Westoff's return from his outing, on the day when Miss Watkins picked him up in the woods and brought him to the dormitory in her carriage. It was true that our staid young student had at last come under the spell of Cupid's power. His charmer knew well how to use her gifts to the best advantage, for her resources were as versatile as her face was beautiful, her natural powers being abetted by a cultivated mind.

John called on her at her home—that he would do so was a foregone conclusion. Nor did he call only once during the remainder of the college term; and the oftener he met her the more infatuated he became. She was a lively conversationalist, knowing how to make an evening pass by on swift wings. Literature, music, art and every other theme that was likely to engage an ambitious young student's mind, formed ever-fruitful topics of conversation as he lingered by her side in the Wrangler parlor or drove into the country on a moonlight night, and he found her just as ready to gossip or talk on light themes as upon others of a weightier character.

When the term ended he parted from her with genuine regret, which he could not disguise. But he would return after the vacation, and then he resolved to put his "fate to the touch." During the interim, which he spent at home, he almost ignored Minnie Brooks, so self-centered does love make the best of men. And she quietly went her way, keeping her secret in her own heart.

As if to increase his perplexity, there was another matter that lay heavily upon the young man's conscience during a part of the vacation. In order to understand the nature of this conflict, we must go back to an evening dinner given by Dr. and Mrs. Wilhelm a few weeks before the close of the college term. The guests present were President Turnover, John Westoff, Ralph Sanders, and George Walters. The dinner itself was served in Mrs. Wilhelm's best style, and her friends were delighted.

However, it is the conversation that took place in the parlor after the menu that will prove of special interest, we think, to those who have been following the fortunes of our characters. Just how Dr. Turnover contrived to steer the conversation into the desired current is not clear, but be that as it may, he was presently saying:

"While I believe in a special divine call to the ministry, I also believe that the call often—perhaps always—comes through human

instrumentalities—that is, some Christian puts the suggestion and inspires the desire in the young man's mind to preach the Gospel."

As there was no reply, for the young men were surprised into silence, the president continued his monologue:

"Here are three of the most gifted young men of our coming senior class. You will soon have to decide upon your vocation, young friends. I have long cherished a desire to hear you express a preference for the Gospel ministry."

The pause that followed was slightly embarrassing. At length George Walters said:

"For my part I have always thought that the call to the ministry had to come directly through the Spirit."

"But the Spirit works through means," responded the Doctor. "Nothing is more important than a man's salvation, is it? How are men brought to a knowledge of Christ? Mostly through human means, such as the preaching of the Gospel, personal persuasion and so on, which God employs for that purpose. If God uses human means to bring men into the kingdom of salvation, why should He not use human means to lead them into the ministry?"

"That seems rational," assented Sanders.

"Then I'm not tresspassing on God's province when I present the ministry to your earnest thought. It is a noble calling."

"I fear I'm not cut out for a preacher," laughed George Walters. "It requires too much self-crucifixion."

A ringing laugh broke from Mrs. Wilhelm's lips. She was a mercurial little woman.

"Just take my husband here for an example," she cried. "He has an exceedingly crucified look, now hasn't he?"

Dr. Wilhelm's broad, almost rubicund face was beaming. He looked anything but the proverbial "seedy" parson.

"I suppose you're all waiting for me to say something, but I shall let my wife speak for me," he said, when the merriment had subsided.

"Well, if I must, I must," began the vivacious little woman. "It is a mistake to think that ministers generally have a hard lot. As a class, they're the happiest men in the world. They have no more trials than other men. Think of a doctor's trials! Does he never meet with criticism, much of it unjust? And the lawyer—are all his clients angels? Do his opponents never hector him, and the judges snub him? As for the merchant waiting for customers who never come—I pray to be delivered from such a trial of patience. I tell you, boys, there is no man who is so well treated as the dominie, and no woman who is so handsomely treated as his wife;" and the little woman laughed gayly. "Sometimes I'm afraid the Doctor and I have too few trials for our own good. But I don't believe in being miserable only for the sake of being so. The Scriptures bids us rejoice."

"But you have some trials and disappointments, haven't you?" asked Walters.

"Oh, yes; a few! Dr. Wilhelm sometimes has a bad Sunday," she answered, sending a laughing glance in her husband's direction. "He occasionally gets into a mood when preaching won't *go*, as the saying is. Then, of course, he feels blue for a day or two, and sometimes becomes a little cross."

This rally was greeted with a laugh at the Doctor's expense, and so he thought it time to take up the glove in his own behalf. He said:

"My wife is fond of twitting her poor, persecuted husband, you see. But she's right about the joys of the ministry. Trials they have, the preachers, as all men have, but the trials are not worthy to be compared with the joy of preaching the Gospel. There is no pleasure like standing in the pulpit and proclaiming God's truth. Isn't that so, Doctor?"

"Every word of it," rejoined Dr. Turnover. "The themes of the pulpit are exalted, the purpose is high, the help afforded is precious, and the effect is blessed. Don't cherish the idea, young men, that a pastor's life is chiefly made up of trials."

"One thing troubles me," said Westoff, speaking for the first time. "There are a good many failures in the ministry, and a failure there is so distressing. I should be afraid of being one of them."

"Yes, failures there are in the ministry," replied the president. "But there are failudes in all professions—in law, medicine, business. The chances of success in the ministry are no less certain than in any other vocation. And that leads me to say that we don't want young men to enter the ministry who are likely to prove failures. We want the best young men, those of the noblest Christian character, with bright mental gifts, good voices, strong physique, and first-rate common sense. I mean no flattery, young friends, when I say that I believe you to possess the proper qualities. That is my excuse for introducing this subject to-night. Think about it. Pray over it. I never listen to your voices in public address without hoping that I may some day hear you preach the Gospel."

A good deal more was said before the interview closed, and as the three young men walked slowly back to the dormitory that

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"The Rose and the Cross" *

By Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D.

Das Christen Herz auf Rosen geht,
Wenn's mitten unter'm Kreuze steht.

In one of the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association Central Building in New York City there is a series of paintings by Thomas Cole, representing the "Journey of Life." One of them shows a young lad as he starts out on his career. In one direction extends a smooth and easy way, lined with flowers and leading to pleasure. In the other direction we behold a steep and narrow path, difficult of access and forbidding in its appearance. But far off in the direction of its goal there shine the dim but undoubted outlines of the cross.

In this impressive manner are represented the two ways at whose intersection the young Christian is compelled to choose the course he will take, the way of pleasure or the way of duty. And as we stand and look, we wonder which way will he take. His own joyous countenance responds eagerly to the invitation of the rose-crowned meadows, while the aged mentor at his side points with prophetic earnestness to the way of the cross.

This lesson of the painter is also taught in the emblem which Luther adopted as his coat of arms and which is explained in the couplet:

"The Christian hearts on roses tread
If 'neath the cross their way is led."

And both are efforts to translate into forms of human expression the teaching of the Master (Mat. 10:39): "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

The whole history of the Christian Church is adorned with illustrious examples of those who chose the way of the cross, of hardship and of self-denial, and who in the growing experience of their lives found therein a true and an imperishable pleasure. The life of the Reformer is full of illustrations of the principle so beautifully indicated in the emblem which the Luther League has adopted as its own. In all those trying times in which a right choice meant so much not only for himself but for the whole Church, especially in the great crisis of his life, he was enabled to estimate the roses at their true value, and to choose the cross instead. As a student in the university, though he was still far from understanding the full meaning of the Christian life, he resolutely turned from the allurements of fame and station and accepted the cell of the monk and the garb of the beggar. And in that great epoch of human history, when he stood before the emperor and the princes of the Church and the world, he could with serene confidence tread beneath him all that life itself could give, if only by so doing he proved loyal to the Master and His truth.

In a true sense every day is a crisis in our lives, and the sum of our choices makes up our character, our career, our life's history and result. Every day the roses are spread before us, most profusely along the pathway of the young. We may well ask why should we not pluck and enjoy them? Did not God form the eye and the sense, and would He forbid what He Himself has made us capable of enjoying? The answer to such a question must be found in the very nature of man. Even if roses did not fade, and if pleasures never failed, man is so constituted that the eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear with hearing. It is because we have been formed in the Divine image, and have received upon our souls the impress of immortality, that the supreme good only will satisfy our souls, and this is attained not in the path of roses, but in the way of the cross. This, too, is the creed of Christian song. In his psalm of life, Longfellow says:

Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end and way,
But to act that each to-morrow find us better than to-day.

Charles Kingsley writes:

I slept, and dreamed that life was beauty—
I woke, and found that life was duty.

Horatius Bonar says:

'Tis first the true and then the beautiful,
Not first the beautiful and then the true;
First the wild moor, with rock and reed and pool,
Then the gay garden, rich in scent and hue.

'Tis first the good and then the beautiful,
Not first the beautiful and then the good;
First the rough seed, sown in the rougher soil,
Then the flower blossom and the branching wood.

The existence of the Luther League is evidence of a high ambition that is beginning to fill the hearts of the young people of our Church. In the more than two centuries of the history of our Church in this city there has been no movement so full of promise as this which finds expression in such meetings as we hold to-night. While it runs parallel with similar movements in all the churches, it has a special significance for Lutherans, because of the unusual difficulties that confront us, and the unusual opportunities we

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enjoy. But if this work is to accomplish permanent results, if it is to be anything more than sound and display, it must be vivified by an intense sense of duty, and the emblem we wear must be the expression of the purpose of our lives.

Is this true of us as individuals ? It is a great thing to have a Luther League. In union there is strength. But a chain is never stronger than its weakest link. When that breaks the chain is gone. The first condition of success in the League, therefore, is that each member must realize the important place he fills, and that he must make duty, and not pleasure or his own convenience, the controlling impulse of his life.

His duty to himself—to improve his mind, to strengthen his body, to elevate his soul. His duty to his home—to brighten the lives of his parents, to be a help and a joy to his brothers and sisters. His duty to his city and his country—to support righteousness and purity in politics. His duty to his church—always to be found in his place and station, rendering such service as he can, and by his ready presence and helping hand aiding his pastor and building up the kingdom. His duty to his God—to say: "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Is this true of our associations? A Young People's Association may be a great help or a great hindrance to a congregation. If its sole object or controlling purpose is social enjoyment, or even literary culture, it will soon prove to be an injurious parasite, feeding upon the strength of the congregation, giving nothing in return and liable to sap the life of the Church, unless it can itself be destroyed in time. If it is careless in its work, unpunctual in its meetings, shiftless in its methods, and holds up no high standard of duty to its members, it will be demoralizing in its influence, fruitless in its results, a cumberer of the ground.

But if, on the other hand, an association is true to its emblem, if its object is to work for Christ and His Church, it will never lack in motives to highest effort or fail to prove a blessing to the Church in which it lives.

We are entering upon a new year of church and association work. Let us hope for, work for and expect great results.

The enthusiasm of this evening must indeed give place to the humble and steady efforts of every day and commonplace work. But to every member of the League who in his deepest heart has chosen the cross of the Master for his emblem, there will not be lacking opportunities and rewards of joyous service. Let us, therefore, rally around our banner and pledge ourselves anew to this cause.

We proudly bear as banner a cross within the heart,
To show that we have chosen Christ, the better part.
Then joy and peace and comfort shall blossom as a rose.
Until our earthly blessings the worth of Heaven disclose.

A Beautiful Window

At A. C. Grimm's stained glass studios, 43-45 East Nineteenth street, New York City, there is now on exhibition a very beautiful memorial stained glass window. The subject represented is Christ among the Fishermen. The figure of the Master is enveloped in a garment of rich, deep red, which, of course, makes it predominate in the design. The face is very lifelike, the artist having produced a remarkably sweet and natural expression. The fishermen are represented as having just come from their toil and are clothed in dark, almost black, flowing garments. One is seated before Christ with his net over his knees. The sky effect is that of the warm Southern climes, just after sunset, and shows the deep azure tint of the heavens with light, fleecy clouds partly covering them. The base is of plain panel work, except in the center, where a cluster of rich jewels forms a Greek cross. The coloring and shading of the window, as a whole, is very commendatory to the artist. Specimens of Mr. Grimm's work are to be seen in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Washington avenue, Brooklyn.

Book Reviews

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— Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D., the time honored missionary to India, who was one of the most prominent of the delegates to the Ecumenical Conference recently held in New York, has just completed a new volume of his inimitable sketches of life and work among the Telugus of India, entitled "The Cobra's Den," which is to be published at once by the Fleming H. Revell Company. This firm, who are the foremost publishers in America of missionary literature, also announce for early publication a complete and authoritative account of mission work along the Congo River in Africa, entitled "Pioneering on the Congo," by Rev. W. Holman Bentley, who writes from a 21 years' experience in this country. This work will be in two large volumes, copiously illustrated from sketches, photographs, etc. The same firm will also publish shortly a unique work by Rev. S. N. Zwemer, F.R.G.S., entiled "Arabia, the Cradle of Islam," which gives a full and readable description of the "neglected peninsula." It is a work for which there has long been a demand.

Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

June 2. Whit Sunday.

Peter the Preacher

(Acts II: 14-36)

Themes for Papers.—"Summary of Peter's Sermon on the Day of Pentecost."—"Sketch of Peter's Life."—"The Character of Peter—His Leadership—His Sin—His Repentance and Restoration."—"Thoughts for Application."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *The Holy Spirit changes lives and characters.* Peter had been a somewhat rash, impulsive, blundering man. With all his boldness he had not been above fear and even cowardice. He had learned much from the guidance and favor of the Risen Lord. But he was a changed man from the day he received the Holy Ghost in power. Now he meets persecutions unwaveringly (Acts iv.), and with no less of earnestness and boldness has a steadfast aim and a constant progress. The man who trembled and denied at the word of a maid servant now says to the murderers of Christ, "Him ye have taken, and with wicked hands have crucified and slain." Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, has firmness, courage and power. Do you crave the presence, power and gifts of the same Spirit? Have you ever pondered the words of Paul (Eph. v, 18), "Be filled with the Spirit?"

2. *The power of the Holy Spirit is indispensable.* Peter and the rest are apparently ready for their mission immediately after they have learned the meaning of the resurrection, and have seen their Lord ascend. But while we wait to hear Him command them to make haste and spread the message of Him, we are amazed to hear instead the word "Wait." They were not ready. They lacked one thing, the equipping with power, the gift of the Spirit for service. If your life is to count for Christ in word and deed, you, too, need the same Spirit with His mighty power. Only you need not wait! The Spirit is here, in His Church, in Word and Sacrament.

3. *The Spirit works through the Word.* To save the three thousand, the Holy Ghost did not use some new and unheard of means, but the old means—the Word of truth. The word of Joel, expounded and applied by a human preacher, was the chosen instrument. It has pleased God the Holy Ghost to bind Himself indissolubly to His Word. There you may find Him if you will.

June 9. Trinity week.

Paul the Apostle

(Acts XXVI: 12-18, 2 Tim. XIV: 6-9)

Themes for Papers.—Use each of the subheads of the topic for the theme of a paper.

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *God is preparing men for their work, while they are yet unconscious of the meaning of their lives.* Paul's student life, his early Pharisaic training, his contact with Christianity and with Stephen in Jerusalem, as well as his natural earnestness, his gifts and abilities, his qualities of leadership—all had important influence in what he was to become. God had in truth "separated (him) from (his) mother's womb" for this work (Gal. 1, 15). It was so with Luther. It is so with every man whom God uses. The small details of life are chosen for us with reference to the place and purpose God has in view for us. What a comfort and incitement this may be to us!

2. *Conversion does not so much change the man's qualities as his aims.* You can recognize the same man, zealous, indefatigable, capable, thorough, in Saul of Tarsus and in Paul the Apostle—but with what a difference! Then he was using all his powers to throw down what now he is with the same intensity building up. He is a new man in the objects of his love and ambition, in his faith and communion with God, in the peace and joy which have come to him; but otherwise he is the same man, with his natural characteristics purified, strengthened and inspired by the Spirit of God. And so, as there is work of all sorts, and for all men to be done, God has room for all gifts, and can and will employ all disciples, however differently endowed. Have you put yourself unreservedly at His disposal?

3. *How much better to be Paul than Saul!* It might not have seemed so then. Saul was on the same side with all the power and influence of his day—the winning side by every human forecast. To become Paul meant danger, but he won his fight, and he shall wear his crown and the judgment of the centuries vindicates his choice. We can see the end as well as the beginning in his case. Oh, will you not view and estimate your life in the light of the end rather than of the beginning?

The Luther League Topics (complete lessons, of which the above are outlines and reviews), in pamphlet form, covering three months, can be supplied at nominal rates by Luther League Review, Box 133, Washington, D. C.

June 16. First week after Trinity.

Moses

(Ex. II: 1-10, XXXII: 7-14, XXXIV: 23-35, Deut. XXXIV: 1-12)

Use each of the sub-heads of the topic for the theme of a paper.

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *What can I do?* All of us are saying it. "I can't be a Moses." No, but you can be a little sister, watching faithfully, saying the right word, you can exert the home influence, you can be the teacher giving the right lesson, you can help to mold the character of the little one so that when the time comes for the great choice he will choose aright. And it may be that you will find that you have had to do with the training of a Moses! Andrew could not be a Peter, but he could, and did, go and find his own brother, Simon, and bring him to Jesus! The little maid could not lead the armies of Syria, but she could tell Naaman of the prophet of Israel, able to heal him of his leprosy! Not one of us who cannot do as much as Miriam or Andrew or the little maid did.

2. *Right character lies behind right choices.* If the character-building of the earlier years had not been well done, Moses would never have chosen the people of God rather than the riches of Egypt, exile rather than the palace and perhaps the throne. It was a hard choice. Neither would he have chosen to obey God and become the deliverer of a stupid, unbelieving, murmuring people, rather than to enjoy the quiet and freedom of his peaceful home-life in Arabia. His whole life was a giving up of what he cared for in order to do his duty. Every life is full of choices. Only a character formed after the models of God's Word, and filled with His Spirit, can be depended on to make the right choices. How is it with you? Do you choose God's Will rather than all else?

3. *The secrets of Moses' success.* "Faith, prayerfulness, humility." You have not Moses' gifts, nor his opportunity, but you may have the same sources of success. A life of trust, of prayer, of humble looking to God to guide, will be successful, no matter in what sphere its duties may lie, nor how small may be the visible results. He who obeys God's call and follows God's leadership has the same promise He gave to Moses, "Certainly I will be with thee!" God with us—then we cannot fail!

June 23. Second week after Trinity.

Aaron

(Ex IV: 14-16, Num. XVII: 20, 22-29)

Themes for Papers.—"Incidents of Aaron's Life."—"Aaron Contrasted with Moses."—"Steadfastness—Enjoined and Exemplified."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *The greatness of God's mercy.* It was a great sin which Aaron committed in the matter of the golden calf. So was it when Peter denied his Lord. It took great mercy to restore and use again in high place such great sinners. But God's mercy is not small. Grace is abundant for the chief of sinners. Which of us has little sins? What sin is small in God's sight, judged by the requirements of His Word, the measure of our duty and the richness of His loving-kindness toward us? Not to love supremely Him Who is supreme Love is a heinous sin. Thank God His Mercy and grace are infinite, or we had never found pardon!

2. *Great is the folly of sin.* Because Moses was out of sight the people thought God was gone! How prone we are to depend on the human leader instead of trusting the living, imperishable God! What folly to see these deluded ones sacrificing for an idol, denying themselves and bringing precious gifts for a senseless calf of gold! Yet how common it is to see the same thing to-day! What folly to bow down and adore aught else than God, to put business or fashion or pleasure in the place that belongs alone to the giver of every good and perfect gift! And above all folly how foolish to try to honor Jehovah in a way that is not acceptable to Him! These people worshiped the calf in honor of Jehovah! (Ex. XXXII: 5). But He would not be worshiped in this way. Every man-made scheme of religion, doing away with the Bible and the Church, is the same old folly—another calf, made in a different mold! And all sin is alike in this, that whatever else it may be, it is folly!

3. *Guard your influence.* It is said that an avalanche may be precipitated by a word. It was so here. Aaron suggested the making of the calf. The nation responded. A word may make or mar a life. For your words you shall give account as well as for your deeds. It is not only a question what you do, or say, but also what you lead others to do or say! This consideration helps to decide duty in many an uncertainty. Read Rom. XIV.

There is an old saying that "Providence helps those who help themselves," and the pagans had a motto that "the gods sell everything to those who work." We cannot secure that which we desire or which it is desirable for us to have without some effort, and the man who sits down waiting for some one to provide his blessing will wait until his days upon earth are numbered, and then leave this world without a blessing here or hereafter.

Deaconess Hymn

THE following hymn, written by Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., of Philadelphia has been dedicated to the cause of Deaconesses. It was set to music by the Rev. George C. F. Haas of New York City, the composer of the music for the Luther League Rally Hymn, and is here printed with the music for the first time.

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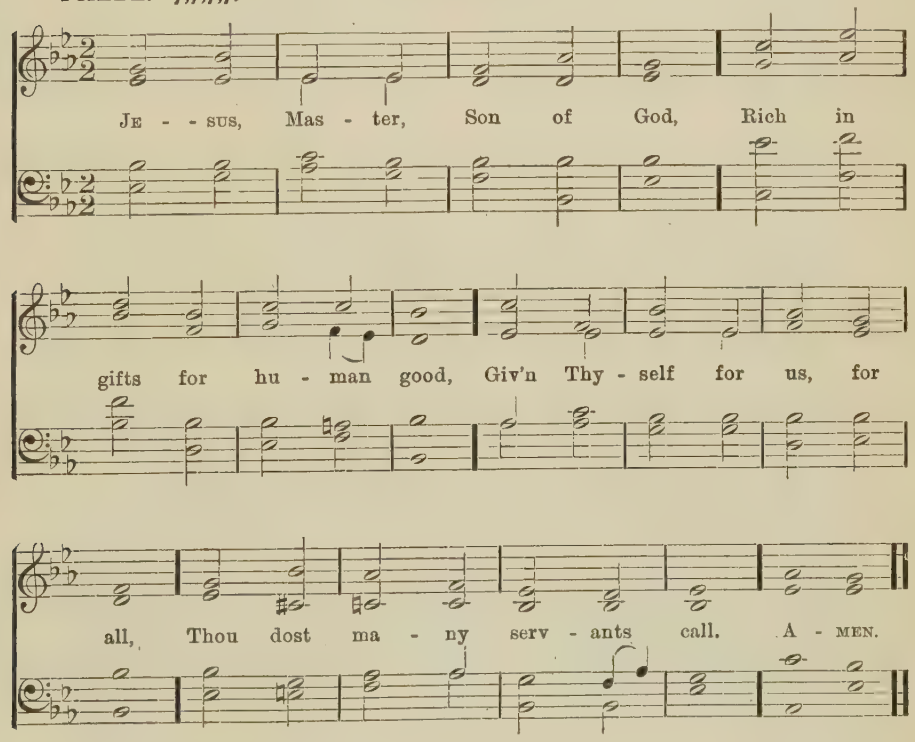

2 By Thy mercy and Thy love,
Through Thy Spirit from above,
Plenteous grace to each is given—
Grace to serve the Lord of heaven.

3 Thanks for these devoted bands,
Who, with earnest hearts and hands,
Wait and work the sick to cheer,
Spreading mercies far and near.

4 Thou hast called them, they have come,
Left behind them friends and home,
Thy pure handmaids here they be,
Moved and drawn by love to Thee.

5 While the sacred cross they bear,
Grant them Thy rewards to share;
Be their help where'er they go,
Bearing balm for human woe.

6 Guide and bless them on their way;
Let Thy Spirit be their stay;
May their numbers, Lord, increase,
Bring them to Thy heavenly peace.

Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., L.L.D., 1899.

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STATE CAPITOL OF CALIFORNIA, AT SACRAMENTO

— The increase of interest in J. M. Barrie's story, "Tommy and Grizel," now being published in *Scribner's Magazine*, is apparent in the desire of new subscribers to obtain the numbers containing the first instalments of the story, and in order to meet this desire the publishers have adopted the rather novel plan of printing the first three instalments of "Tommy and Grizel" in pamphlet form, and presenting it to new subscribers, in order that they may have the serial from the beginning.

The Christian Forum

The initial (April) number of this monthly religious magazine is fully up to the prospectus published in our February issue. The first of its excellent articles is contributed by a well-known Lutheran of this city, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D. (whose portrait accompanies it), and is entitled "The Sufficiency of Scripture." In it the doctor sets forth in his usual dogmatic, concise style many unanswerable arguments on the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures. This is the keynote of the various other contributions, which are by such well known clergymen of evangelical denominations as Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., Rev. G. T. Purves, D.D., Rev. E. H. Wellman, D.D., and others. The magazine is well printed on good paper, and makes a good appearance. It should be found on the reading tables of all our pastors and laity. See advertisement in another column.

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Luther League of America

Fourth Convention, at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 22, 23, 24, 1900

Call for Fourth National Convention

The Fourth Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in the First Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 22, 23, 24, 1900. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning, is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates and each State or territorial organization to ten delegates.

For information regarding hotel, transportation and other local arrangements, address Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, 2433 Ohio avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. E. F. EILERT, President.

M. C. OLSON, General Secretary.

Methods—Means—Men

These are the three "watchwords" selected for the coming convention of the National League at Cincinnati, and they ought to bring out many thoughts that will assist materially in furthering the growth of the young people's work in the Lutheran Church. "Methods." What are they? How are they utilized? Have you any new ones? Did they prove specially beneficial? These are a few questions to be answered under this heading. "Means." This may be treated in the sense of enlarged contributions to enable the officers to engage a secretary to give his undivided time to the work of advancing the interests of the Luther League in this country; or a discussion of schools, colleges and other educational means of securing for our youth the best advantages for learning. "Men." Who are they? What have they done? Have we them to-day? Are they ready to answer the call for more pastors, missionaries, teachers? Are they to be found among the members of the Luther League?

The above may include a few of the questions that will come up and some of which may possibly be treated by the speakers chosen by the Executive Committee, but there are numerous other thoughts that will occur to you and ought to be jotted down so that at the proper time you can present them to the convention. Give the matter prayerful thought and remember that the convention aims to get the best thoughts from all its members.

Programme

The committee in charge have almost completed the details of the programme for the coming convention. The opening session will be held in the First Church, at 7.30, on Tuesday evening, May 22. There will be welcoming addresses and responses, followed by a reception to the delegates. On Wednesday morning the business sessions will begin. Two opening addresses will be made by pastors well versed in League work. This, as well as all the other morning and afternoon sessions, will be held in the First Church. Some of the practical topics to be presented and discussed are "Our Part in Home Missions," "The Deaconness Cause," "Foreign Missions." On Wednesday evening sessions will be held in four of the local churches, with three speakers and one of the vice-presidents of the National League presiding in each church. The final session or rally will be held in Music Hall, with three prominent speakers.

Railroad Arrangements

Full details of the railroad arrangements are given by Dr. Ziegler in another column of this issue. The one and one-third fare rate from points east of Buffalo and Pittsburg makes it difficult for some living near these points to decide which will be the most advantageous. For their information we would state that the cost of a one fare excursion ticket from Buffalo will be via Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, $12.25. Nickel Plate and Erie lines, $10.75. From Pittsburgh via Pennsylvania Railroad, $8.35. B. & O. Railroad, $7.35. Add to this your fare both ways to these points and ascertain what the fare and one-third rate direct will cost and you will soon be able to determine which is the cheaper.

From New York the delegates have a choice of several routes. By the Pennsylvania Railroad, which is the most direct and quickest route, the fare for the round trip is $24. Via the B. & O. Railroad, which runs by way of Washington (granting stop off privilege for those who wish it) the fare for the round trip is $21.50. The rate by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, running via Buffalo, is $20 for the round trip.

Clergymen can secure clerical orders on Pennsylvania Railroad, entitling them to a half fare ticket, both going and coming.

Kindly note full instructions about certificates as given in another column.

Credentials

The President of the Luther League of America has appointed Rev. C. K. Hunton, 65 South Grant avenue, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the Credentials Committee for the approaching convention and the corresponding secretaries of the State Leagues, whose names and addresses are given in the directory on the League page, as the other members of the committee. Credentials should be addressed to the chairman as above, or presented to him at the convention.

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The National Convention will do many things. One thing should, however, be emphasized very strongly—viz., the need of *giving*. The word "giving" is one of the greatest words in our Christian faith. "God so loved the world that He *gave*." Giving is the proof of loving. The Lutheran Church in America needs to learn this lesson above all others. We have the *Men* and the *Methods*. No church has better. One thing we lack—*Means*.

Young Lutherans ought to be persistently and systematically taught the Christian art of giving. Some have learned to "part with their money." Few have learned to "give." We do not give because we have not been trained. In our catechetical classes this training ought to be and is a part, and a very prominent part, of instruction. The Luther Leagues ought to emphasize it more than they do. The delegates to the National Convention should make it one of its clearest and strongest notes.

When we have learned to give we will be ready and able to do more definite work. While we cannot, as a national organization, undertake specific mission work, yet we can and ought to urge upon our individual Leagues to take a more definite and practical interest in the various departments of the Church's activities. Our Leagues ought to be giving to missions and to the institutions of our Church.

Come to the National Convention with the determination to give and to get practical knowledge for League work. The speakers will come prepared to give us the results of careful study and practical experience. There will be no multiplication of words! words! words! but the presentation of helpful ideas, practical suggestions, clearly defined plans, worthy purposes, highest motives. We ought, therefore, as delegates, to take heed how we hear. We owe this to our individual Leagues and organizations. If you have good and tried methods let the convention be benefited by the active part which you take in the discussion. If you are full of "vague theories" remember, and forget it not, the convention is of very short duration, and every minute precious. Don't squander those minutes. If you have a good thing let all have the benefit of it, but be ready to present it clearly and briefly. Don't —oh, don't!—waste the convention's precious time by too much talk. Remember the words of Luther, Be brief.

What can be done to keep those who on Palm Sunday and at Easter time were received into the Church by rite of confirmation? For it is a fact that many who are added to the Church at this time become members in name only, and not in reality. It was noticeable in the returns of the Sunday school census recently taken in Philadelphia that a large proportion of those who had no church preference, in other words,

who were not members or attendants upon any church, were Lutherans. The catechetical system is undoubtedly the best plan of preparation for admission to the Church, but it would be well for our Leagues and Young People's Societies to follow up those who are received into the Church by confirmation or from other churches, so that any who are inclined that way may be saved from retrograding and become interested and active in some branch of Church work.

Sympathy many times, and in many persons, seems dead, but the sorrows and afflictions of men frequently call it out in an unexpected manner, and in plenteous measure. The sad accounts of the famine plague in India have aroused the people of this country, and especially those of our own Church, to do something to relieve those of our own faith. It is a matter of gratification that not only the Church members, but the members of the Leagues and Young People's societies, have contributed liberally toward this worthy object. The latest accounts do not show any improvement, but a poor prospect for the people unless money is rapidly forthcoming. Already several thousand dollars have been sent by one of the Mission Boards, and as rapidly as the money is collected the treasurers are instructed to telegraph it across the water, so that there may be no delay incident to its transmission by rail and by water. The call is loud and the need is great.

Men die, but the work goes on. We lament the loss of those who are beginning their work, or who are efficient in labor for the Church, but their loss is often the Church's gain, as it stirs up an interest and fires the zeal of some who otherwise might have been quiet workers at home, and whose special abilities and qualities for the work might never have been discovered. It is sad that two missionaries so soon after their arrival in Africa laid their lives upon God's altar, but already there is a feeling that the work must be strengthened. Enthusiastic and devoted Dr. Pohlmann says, "We will not give up until every man and woman has died." It rests with the people at home to strengthen the hands of those faithful workers, and to send others to cheer their hearts and assist in their labors.

A writer has well said: "We often wonder why God suddenly calls away a faithful servant from this world when he appears to be working so effectively. But if there were no other reason, it is reason enough that God's work depends upon no one man alone. Our vision is so circumscribed that the removals by death astonish us. If our view were larger, we should see that the divine plan is too all-embracing to rest upon one life for its continuance. If a 'useful man' were sure to live on indefinitely because of his usefulness, how much smaller our views of God and eternity would become! And then how much smaller we, too, should become!"

Not long since an active Leaguer said that "objection is made to the Topics because they are considered too deep." Special attention has been given to, and examination of, these since that remark, and we are of opinion that a proper reading and study of the Topics as prepared in the leaflet supplemented by the comments in the REVIEW will convince all that they are within the reach of all minds, whether fully developed or not intellectually. The fault may be that the study of the passage is not approached in the proper frame or with proper preparation. Doubtless these Topics can be supplemented and possibly simplified by the pastor or the leader who has charge of the meeting so as to meet objections such as named.

This issue of the REVIEW will be sent to a number of pastors and others who are not subscribers with a view of giving them information and interesting them in the coming National Luther League Convention. If you are among the number please use the copies sent you where they will do the most good. Get the interest of your young people aroused, and urge the sending of a delegate to the convention. We want you to be

enlisted in the army of Lutheran Young People of this country.

Complaint is frequently made that the young people during the first few months of their membership in the societies manifest a great interest, but that many weeks do not pass before they become irregular in attendance upon the meetings and in attention to their duties, and finally drop out of the society. What means can be pursued to retain such in active co-operation with their fellow members, and strengthen their allegiance both to the society and the Church? This is a serious question, one which has occasioned much thought and anxiety on the part of active people in all societies, both young and old, and is a problem which seems difficult to solve, but it must be, and will be in time, and it becomes our duty to think and pray and labor for the solution.

John Westolf—Lutheran

(*Continued from page 16.*)

night they were very sober. It was this question of the ministry that John Westoff had to wrestle over during the early weeks of his vacation. The law had many attractions for him. Could he give them up? Yet he could not dismiss the persistent thought that he could accomplish more for the cause of Christ in the ministry than in any other calling. The struggle went on for more than a month and a half. Every phase of it was canvassed.

One Sunday morning John sat in his accustomed place in the choir. Mr. Meinheld preached that morning with unusual power. Most of his time was given to extolling the Gospel, his text being, "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God." Near the close of the sermon he raised his hand and exclaimed:

"Oh, the joy, the rapture, of preaching this glorious Gospel! There is no other joy like it. If the gifted, consecrated young men who hear me to-day knew how great this joy is, how unspeakable this holy privilege, they would cry out with the Apostle, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel of Christ!'"

A light flashed into John Westoff's soul as he listened to his pastor's rapt appeal, and he felt that at last the question had been settled for him. The service over, he stepped up to Mr. Meinheld, and wrung his hand, saying, in a voice that shook with emotion:

"Mr. Meinheld, your sermon has decided the question for me; woe is me if I preach not the Gospel!"

"Thank God!" whispered the pastor, deeply moved. "I've been praying for this for many years."

And so that question was settled. When the vacation was over John returned to Augsburg College to finish his classical course, prior to entering the divinity school. He little knew what was now in store for him. It was, perhaps, well he did not.

One evening, when he called on Miss Wrangler, he told her of his intention to enter the ministry. Her eyes fell before his earnest gaze, and for the first time since he had known her her cheeks turned pale, and she lost her beautiful self-possession. John walked home from the interview in a deep quandary.

Time passed, and the holidays were near at hand. One evening John told his confidant, Ralph Sanders, that he intended to go to Miss Wrangler that night and ask her the momentous question and end his suspense.

"I wish you success, old man," said Ralph, heartily, grasping John's hand.

"I believe she cares for me," John remarked. "I feel sanguine. Good-by. I'll report as soon as I get back."

Sanders sat at his study table until half-past nine o'clock, when he heard uncertain footsteps in the hall, as if some one were dragging his feet wearily. The next moment Sanders' door was thrown open, and John Westoff, pale and haggard, came into the room.

"Why, John, what's gone wrong?" Sanders exclaimed, springing to his friend's side. "Your face is as white as a sheet. That girl has——"

"Yes, Miss Wrangler has rejected me," gasped John.

"Do you mean that she doesn't care for you?"

"On the contrary, she told me that she *does* care for me—but there's a barrier between us."

And a strange barrier it was—one that proved insuperable, and brought anguish to more than one heart.

(*To be continued.*)

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New York City

— On March 11 Rev. Wm. Koepschen was installed as pastor of St. Luke's Church by Rev. J. H. Sieker. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. H. C. Steup and that to the congregation by Rev. A. E. Frey of Brooklyn.

— Through the efforts of Mr. Graetz, one of the officers of St. John's Church, Rev. J. J. Young, D.D., pastor, $500 was donated by the "Christian Herald Famine Fund" for the special use of our Lutheran mission field in India.

— The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of St. John's Church (Christopher street) continued its practice of presenting silver communion services to the new missions in this vicinity by sending one to the new organization in Jersey City, of which Rev. E. W. Fulper is pastor.

— Rev. J. C. Renz recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of his pastorate in Immanuel Church, East Eighty-third street.

Brooklyn

— Pastor Balsamo recently confessed his adherence to the Lutheran faith before the New York Pastoral Conference of the Missouri Synod. He has started an Italian Lutheran mission school in Brooklyn.

Boston

— The meeting of the Eastern District Conference of the Missouri Synod will be held in Zion's Church, this city, Rev. H. Bickner, pastor, from May 9 to 15.

Philadelphia

— Rev. Dr. Seiss of this city passed the seventy-seventh milestone in life's journey on a recent Sunday, enjoying the congratulations of many friends on the occasion.

— Rev. Frederick Jelden, pastor of St. Thomas' Church, Germantown, died on March 5, aged 57 years.

— St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in West Philadelphia celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary on April 22. On Sunday morning the pastor preached the anniversary sermon. Sunday evening the Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Schaeffer, a former pastor, made an address on "What St. Stephen's Was and What It Ought to Be." On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the vesper services were rendered by the Luther League Choral Society of the church, under the direction of Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. Doc. A new pipe organ was placed in the church as a memorial of this anniversary.

Baltimore

— The Lutheran Ministers' Association of Baltimore, at its last meeting, elected officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D.; vice-pres., Rev. L. M. Zimmerman; sec. and treas., Rev. George Beiswanger.

Chicago

— The Rev. Carl A. Evald, who is well known to the whole Lutheran Church, recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversay of his installation as pastor of Immanuel Church. During his pastorate he has baptized 4,523 children, confirmed 1,651 and married 964 couples. Mr. Evald was born May 25, 1849, in Orebro, Sweden; came to America in 1871; was ordained in 1872; began his pastoral work in Minneapolis 1872-5, then came to Chicago. The celebration was largely attended.

— Rev. E. F. Krauss, who recently resigned his congregation at Leechburg, Pa., has accepted a call to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Chicago Seminary.

— The handsome new St. Simon's Church of this city, Rev. Dr. Knudten, pastor, will be consecrated with impressive ceremonies on Sunday, May 6. Rev. H. H. Weber, general secretary of Church Extension, will preach the consecration sermon. The church is one of the largest and has one of the finest church edifices in the General Synod.

— The Norwegian Old People's Home Society gave its fourth annual festival in the Wicker Park Hall on April 4. The festival was well attended. About 1,500 people were present. The programme consisted of music, instrumental and vocal, of a very high order. Addresses by the president, Dr. Quales; Mr. H. A. Hanger, president of the State Bank of Chicago; Rev. J. Z. Torgerson, and Rev. Austin D. Crile. After the programme light refreshments were served. The Norwegians are giving a good report of themselves.

MISCELLANY

— On March 25 the new St. Luke's Church at New Rochelle, Rev. W. Jentsch, was dedicated.

— In Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. J. H. Raker, pastor, 12 persons were confirmed on Palm Sunday morning.

— Our congregation at Two Harbors, Minn., celebrated recently its tenth anniversary. Revs. C. J. Collin, G. Peterson, N. Ohslund and J. A. Krantz, all of whom at one time or another served as pastors, were present. During the year just past the congregation has paid all of its debt, and, in addition, caused several improvements to be made.

— Rev. J. B. Fox, Ph.D., pastor of Christ Church of Staunton, Va., died on March 27, after a brief illness, of pneumonia. Dr. Fox was born in Lincolnton, N. C., in 1860. In 1882 he graduated from Gettysburg College and went to Tennessee for a short while. In 1886 he was elected a professor in Newberry, N. C., College, which position he held for six years, when he was called to the pastorate of the church in Newberry, where he remained until March, 1899, when he took charge of the Staunton Church. Though having been there but a year, he had endeared himself not only to his congregation, but to the public in general, and had many admiring friends among all denominations. He was a man of fine intellect and a preacher of great ability. He was one of the

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speakers at the last convention of the Luther League of America in New York City.

— Over $7,000 have been subscribed as an endowment fund to a Swedish Lutheran College, to be known as the Kountze Memorial College, at El Campo, Texas. Mr. H. Kountze, Omaha, Neb., has promised to donate to an institution of this kind four blocks in El Campo, one section of land, and, in addition, erect buildings costing $10,000.

— Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D.D., of Abilene, Kan., has been elected pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Columbia City, Ind., to succeed Rev. J. Milton Francis.

— Rev. Brevig, who for many years labored in Alaska as an employee of the Federal Government preaching to a Lapp colony at one of the reindeer stations, is going back to found a Lutheran mission among the native Esquimaux. He is being supported by the Norwegian Synod.

— ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of $1 from Mr. B. Tjelmen, Lime Spring, Iowa, for famine stricken Kols in the district of the Rev. Dr. A. Nottrott, Ranchi, Bengal, British India, Asia. Brooklyn, 1014a Putnam avenue, March 29, 1900. L. H. Gerndt.

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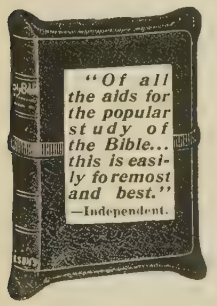

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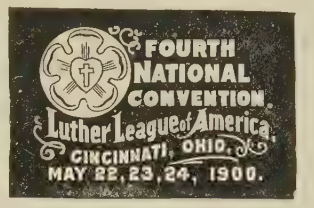

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— The Luther League of New York City held its regular bi-monthly delegates' meeting in the rooms of St. Mark's League on April 19. Several amendments to the constitution presented at a former meeting, permitting a church to be represented by one or more societies and increasing the number of delegates from each church to six instead of five, were carried. The president announced the following as delegates to the national convention: Fred. H. Wefer, I. S. Runyon, Harry Speckel; alternates, Chas. A. Schuepel, Fred. Petersen. The next meeting of the District League will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Mt. Vernon, West Sidney avenue, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, on June 15. Arrangements will be made for a special trolley car to take delegates, alternates and members of the Leagues from 129th street and Third avenue

— On April 4 the Luther League Choral Union rendered "The Crucifixion," by Stainer, in Holy Trinity Church, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor.

— Gustavus Adolphus Young People's Society have furnished a classroom at Upsala College.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement has lost by death one of its active members, George R. Ahrens.

— A reunion of the confirmed of the past three years of the Church of the Advent, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., pastor, was held at the residence of Miss Eckel, 429 West 162d street, on April 25.

Brooklyn

— The Luther League of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, Rev. Emil Rott, pastor, celebrated its tenth anniversary on April 30. The speakers were Rev. F. H. Knubel, Rev. A. Steimle, president of the Luther League of Brooklyn, and E. F. Eilert, president of the Luther League of America.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Reformation of Brooklyn, Rev. H. P. Miller, pastor, added nine new members at a recent meeting and now has a membership of 35. They made an Easter offering of $50 to the congregation toward the Building Fund. The League is very active, and is ably aiding the pastor of this mission congregation.

Rhinebeck District

— On May 15 the Luther League of the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster will hold its twentieth convention in the Third Church, at Rhinebeck, Rev. L. D. Wells, pastor. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held.

— The Young men's Society of Christ Church, Ghent, Rev. E. A. Ottman, pastor, contributed $35 toward the new organ which was recently placed in the church.

— Mrs. Monroe gave her Luther entertainment at our church at Chatham, Rev. M. G. L. Reitz, pastor, under the auspices of the Young Men's Union.

Albany District

— The annual May convention of the Albany District Luther League will be held in St. Paul's Church, Johnstown, N. Y., Rev. L. S. Black, pastor, on Tuesday, May 8. It is expected that every Lutheran Young People's Society in the district, of whatever name, will send a full quota of delegates.

— The young people's Bible class of the First English Lutheran Sunday School, Troy, N. Y., of which Mrs. Horace M. Oberholtzer is the efficient teacher, was entertained at the parsonage on March 22. A programme of music was given, after which refreshments were served. The class is growing.

D. & H. District

— The Luther League of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, Rev. M. J. Bieber, pastor, has secured the first series of the reading course for the Sunday School library. Mr. Wm. Brodt of this League will represent the D. and H. District League, appointed by President Larkin.

Buffalo Central

— The quarterly meeting of the Luther League of Buffalo was held at Holy Trinity Church, Wednesday evening, April 18.

— The Mission Committee of Holy Trinity Luther League reported over 500 papers distributed; also four sets of shelves and 400 books and magazines placed in the County House.

PENNSYLVANIA

— The following delegates have been appointed to represent the Luther League of Pennsylvania at the coming national convention: E. A. Miller, Philadelphia; Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., Barren Hill; Rev. George J. Gongaware, Uniontown; Rev. C. B. King, Pittsburg; G. H. Huppert, Shamokin; Rev. G. A. Benze, Erie; Rev. I. C. Hoffman, Chester; Horace W. Bikle, Pittsburg; Mrs. M. E. Evans, Philadelphia; Rev. J. M.Riemensnyder, D.D., Milton.

Philadelphia

— Under the auspices of the Luther League of Bethlehem Church the third lecture of the series was given on March 27 by the Rev. H. W. Elson on "The Nation's Birth." Important facts relating to the formation and ratification of the Constitution was the special theme.

— The April meeting of the Lutheran Social Union of Philadelphia was held on April 24. The following delivered addresses: Rev. John A. W. Haas, pastor of St. Paul's Church, New York City; Rev. H. H. Weber of York, Pa., general secretary of the Board of Church Extension; William H. Staake, Esq., of Philadelphia, first president of the Social Union, and Benjamin M. Nead, Esq., of Harrisburg, Pa.

— The spring convention of the Lutheran Sunday School Teachers' Association of this city was held on March 27 in St. Luke's. Miss Mary F. Van Leer gave a very interesting talk on mission work in Africa. An offering of $47.44 was also made, half of which was sent to the Augsburg Teacher Fund and the other half to the General Council Fund.

Allentown District

— The Luther League of the Allentown District will meet at Phillipsburg, N. J., on May 3.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Central

— The Luther League of Northeastern Pennsylvania held its semi-annual convention in Grace Church, Gouldsboro, Tuesday, April 24. The programme, which was of a high order, comprised a paper on "Church Loyalty," by Mr. F. Murphy of St. John's, Wilkes-Barre; "Spiritual Growth." by Miss Lauer of St. Paul's, Scranton, and "The Providential Call to New Mission Fields," by Rev. Dr. A. L. Ramer. A largely attended public meeting was held in the evening. The delegates however, because of train connections, could not remain. Rev. Dr. W. L. Huuton delivered a lecture on "Cyphers." The

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Upper Lehigh Valley Central

— The twelfth semi-annual convention of the Central Luther League of the Upper Lehigh Valley will be held in St. Paul's Church, Kresgeville, Rev. A. C. Wuchter, pastor, on May 1 and 2. Pastors and delegates will please write to the pastor loci, whose residence is at Gilberts, Pa., of their coming; also to the president of the central, Mr. Geo. B. Begel, Weissport, Pa., who will arrange conveyances to take them to the place of meeting. Edith L. Kuntz, secretary, Freeland, Pa.

Lancaster and Vicinity

— A foreign travel talk, superbly illustrated, was delivered by Rev. Franklin F. Fry, under combined Luther League auspices, in St. Stephen's Church, Lancaster, on April 19. The silver offering at the door was devoted to the National Convention Fund of the Luther League of America

Williamsport Central

— The Williamsport Luther League Central of the West Branch will hold its next annual convention in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Williamsport May 3 and 4, 1900. Each local society of the West Branch is entitled to two delegates and should be represented. All pastors are delegates. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large gathering of our Lutheran young people.

— The Young People's Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church, Biglerville, Pa., Rev. U. A. Hankey, pastor, have recently contributed $6.40 in the interests of famine relief in India.

Juniata District

— The Juniata Central Luther League meets at Blaine, Pa., May 9 and 10. First session May 9 at 2.30 p.m. All delegates should send their credentials to Prof. S. E. Harkins, Blaine, Pa., two weeks before convention. Bertha A. Kearns, secretary.

Somerset County

— The Sunday school, Luther League and congregation of Holy Trinity, Berlin, Pa., Rev. R. S. Patterson, pastor, made an offering of $59 for the famine sufferers in the India mission field. The money has been sent to the treasurer of the Foreign Board.

Pittsburg Central

— On the eve of Miss Van Leer's departure for her home the Young Men's Social Circle of our English Lutheran congregation, at Sharpsburg, through their president, William Weckbecker, Jr., presented her with a pledge of $75 annually for the support of the Emma V. Day Memorial School, of which she is head. Miss Van Leer at once assigned them the two Kennedy sisters, young Liberian ladies now employed in the school as general helpers or deaconesses, and also the little princess—only daughter—of the nearest native king, who is anxious to have his child educated in the school. These three will henceforth be supported by the young men, as an expression of their desire to have part in the noble sacrifice now being made by the Muhlenberg missionaries for Africa's redemption.

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OHIO

— The fifth annual convention of the Luther League of Ohio will be held in St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Miamasburg, Ohio, Rev. F. W. Peschau, D.D., pastor, beginning Monday afternoon, May 21, and continuing until the evening of the following day. Any Lutheran Young People's Society in the State, whatever name it may bear, is entitled to send two delegates. Free entertainment will be provided. Notify Prof. P. O. Getter, Miamasburg, Ohio, of your intention to be present. The Erie, C., H. & D. and the C., C., C. & St. L. (Big Four) railways, and the Dayton & Cincinnati traction line pass through the city. Delegates and visitors can buy tickets through to Cincinnati at one fare for the round trip. (See elsewhere in this issue instructions concerning railroad rates, &c., to the national convention.) Nearly all persons from the northern, central and eastern parts of the State will pass through Miamasburg. By getting off here only a small end of the through ticket will be forfeited, the State convention can be attended, and the only extra expense will be 75 cents, the single fare from Miamasburg to Cincinnati. This gives a splendid opportunity to attend both conventions, and it is hoped that pastors and League workers throughout the State will take advantage of it. Let every local and central League or society send a delegation, and the convention will be fruitful of much good. Let this convention mark the beginning of a new era of consecrated service on the part of the Lutheran young people of Ohio.

Southern Central

— Another district Luther League was organized in Ohio March 15, 1900. It is to be known as the Southern Central District League of Ohio. The convention was held in Circleville, in the First Lutheran Church, Rev. J. C. Schindel, pastor. Fitting words of greeting were spoken by Miss Mabel Secrest, president of the local society. The following is a list of subjects and speakers: "The Organization of Lutheran Young People," Mr. George Roth; "Relation of Organized Young People to the Church," Rev. J. W. Wenrich; "Church Music," Rev. J. J. S. Rumbarger; "Training for Worship," Rev. W. A. Pearman; "Lutheran Literature," Rev. S. G. Dornblaser. At the evening session Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., of Newark delivered an address on "What the Church is to the Young People," and Rev. F. Richards, D.D., of Zanesville spoke on the subject, "For Christ and the Church." Both addresses were instructive and helpful. The good music furnished by the choir added much to the pleasure and profit of the convention. Rev. J. C. Schindel was elected pres.; Rev. W. A. Beates, vice-pres.; Miss Mabel Secrest, sec., and Miss Schmeder, treas. Delegrates were elected to represent the district at the State and national conventions in May, 1900. The next district meeting will be held in Tarlton.

— The Young Men's League of the First Church, Cincinnati, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, pastor, recently presented a beautiful silver communion set to Calvary Church, Chillicothe, Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr., pastor.

— On Easter Sunday the Luther League of St. John's Church, Zanesville, Ohio, held their regular devotional meeting at 6 o'clock in the morning, instead of in the evening, quite a large number being present. The meeting was opened by singing "Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb," the topic assigned for the day was used and the discussions were most appropriate to the hour. During the past year the League has been doing very encouraging work, the devotional meetings have been well attended, and the biographical topics, which are so ably edited, have proved very interesting. Business and social sessions are held the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of the members.

— The Young People's Society of St. John's Church, Martin's Ferry, Rev. Paul Kummer, pastor, had the Sunday school room painted and frescoed, and also furnished with new seats and book shelves, covers, &c. The efficient secretary of the society, Mr. Harry Koelmlein, gave a whole week of his time most cheerfully to this repair work. A Luther League was recently organized by the younger members of this congregation, which promises to do good work in building up the church and in interesting its members more in church and religious works.

ILLINOIS

— On April 17 a missionary entertainment was given by the Luther League of Bethel Church, Chicago. There was an excellent programme and a very large attendance. An offering was taken for its mission fund.

— Northern Illinois Luther Association holds its annual convention June 5-7 at Dixon, Ill.

— Galesburg District League holds its convention at Monmouth, Ill., June 21.

— The Young People's Society of the Scandinavian Lutheran Church, at Elgin, Rev. William Eckmann, recently held a benefit for a young lady ill in the hospital. A considerable sum was realized. The society has also put electric lights in the basement of the church.

— One of the most active and progressive junior societies found in Illinois is at Murphysboro, Rev. Breitenbach, pastor. The Y. P. S. C. E. has been reorganized and is in good working condition.

— The Endeavor Society of Trinity Church, Carthage, Ill., has raised $25 for the famine sufferers in India.

WISCONSIN

— The fourth convention of the Luther League of Wisconsin will be held in Mt. Horeb Friday, May 18, at the Lutheran Church. Each society admitted to membership is entitled to two delegates, in addition to the pastor of the congregation *ex-officio*. Each central or district association is entitled to five delegates. Entertainment for delegates and visitors will be provided by the Mt. Horeb congregation. Wm. K. Frick, president; Mrs. T. H. Dahl, general secretary.

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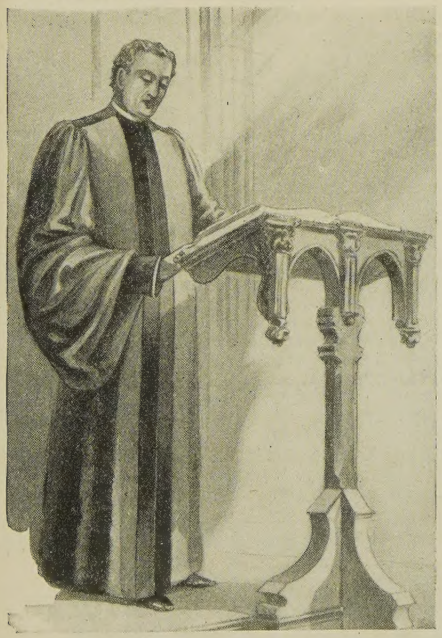

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— The Luther League of Louisville held its quarterly meeting in the Third Church on April 29. Dr. D. H. Bauslin of Wittenberg Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ohio, delivered the address.

MINNESOTA

— The second annual convention of the Luther League of Minnesota was held in St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor, on April 24 and 25. Full report will be given next month.

— On April 18 the fourth convention of the Twin City Central Luther League was held in St. James' Church, St. Paul. The following papers were presented and discussed: "Real Aim of the Luther League," by Miss Olga Molander; "The Value of Conventions," by M. A. Johnson; "Young People in Christian Service," by Mr. T. C. Thompson, and "How to Conduct a Luther League Meeting," by Mr. Nels Jensen. At the evening session an address was delivered by Prof. E. G. Lund, D.D.

NORTH DAKOTA

Red River Valley Central

— The third semi-annual convention of the Red River Valley Central Luther League, held at St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, Fargo, N. Dak., February 21 and 22, was a success. It was an inspiring convention, which will be for reaching in its influence for good. This Central League was organized two years ago at Moorhead, Minn. Fifteen of the 16 local Leagues belonging to this Central League were represented by 56 delegates, representing 600 members. The address of welcome was delivered by the local pastor, Rev. H. K. Gebhart. Several instructive and interesting papers had been carefully prepared, which were read and discussed before the convention, on the following timely topics: "What is a Lutheran?" by Prof. W. P. Rognlie, Halstad, Minn.; "Fundamental Principles of the Luther League," by the Rev. Louis S. Marvick, Hatton, N. Dak.; "Needs of Our Young People," by Mrs. R. R. Bogstad, Moorhead, Minn.; "Hindrances to Successful League Work," by Miss Bertine Thompson, Evansville, Minn.; "How the Luther League Can Best Fulfill Its Mission," by the Rev. H. B. Kildahl, Moorhead, Minn. An interesting address, or lecture, was delivered Wednesday evening by the Rev. A. Ramsey of Minneapolis, Minn., on "Sowing and Reaping, or the Condition of League Success." The following officers were elected: Prof. E. D. Busby, pres., Moorhead; Miss Bertine Thompson, rec. sec.; Prof. H. H. Aaker, cor. sec., Moorhead; Miss Julia Snartland, treas., Moorhead.

CONNECTICUT

— The Luther League of Central Connecticut held its first quarterly delegates' convention for 1900 on March 26, at the Swedish Church, New Haven. The president, Rev. Martin of Branford, presided. Delegations were present from all of the societies of the League, and also from Emmanuel Church of New Haven. The reports of the various societies were very encouraging. Rev. Mr. Timm was elected a delegate to the National Convention. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., C. F. Gutbrod, New Haven; vice-pres., Geo. Erricson, Branford; sec., Miss Lydia Anderson, New Haven; treas., Wm. Jente, New Haven. The following committees were appointed: Executive: Geo. Erricson, Mons Johnson, Fred. Schmermond. Committee on Extension and Credentials: Revs. Timm, Eustam and Martin.

— The annual reunion of the confirmed members of the Lutheran Trinity Church of New Haven was held on Thursday evening, April 19, at Republican Hall, under the auspices of the Luther League of the Church. Invitations had been sent out to all of those young people who had been confirmed in the Church during the last ten years. A programme and refreshments contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening. Brief addresses were made by Rev. Timm and by Pres. C. F. Gutbrod. About 200 young people were present.

MISCELLANY.

— A Luther League was recently organized by the young people of our Swedish Immanuel's Church, Omaha, Neb.

— Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D., pastor at St. Joe, Mo., and president of the National Lutheran C. E. Union, has organized an Endeavor Society in his congregation since taking charge some months since.

— A beautiful altar piece has recently been placed in the church at Winnipeg, Man. Colored glass has also been secured for the windows. The expense has been borne by the Young People's Society of the church.

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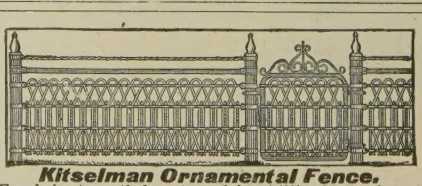

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